Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 31 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 01 Jan 2024

Forecast Issued on Sunday 31 Dec 2023 at 00:45

Confidence: A period of colder conditions with showers most days through the New Year period. Windy at times. Lower confidence in amount of showers and freezing level for each day over New Year.

Headline for Sunday 31 Dec 2023: A cold day with showers and strong Southerly winds, feeling very chilly at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 31 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet showers	Hail showers	Heavy rain showers	Hail showers	Heavy rain showers	Sleet showers
Precipitation probability					
40%	70%	70%	70%	70%	70%

Forecast for Sunday 31 Dec 2023

Weather: A showery day, perhaps a drier period during the morning but likely to remain rather dull and cloudy, showers becoming more frequent and heavier in the afternoon and evening with a risk of hail at times. Showers falling as rain but perhaps sleet at the top of Pen-Y-Fan. Strong winds accompanying the showers will make it feel bitterly cold, especially during the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 60%, some low cloud in association with showers.

Low cloud and visibility: Layers of scattered cloud above 500m throughout the day, cloud will lift at times, perhaps more chance around eastern hills. Visibility will be good out with showers but dipping moderate as showers pass through, perhaps temporarily poor on the highest summits in sleet showers, where conditions may turn very poor for a time.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	28/36 SW	21/28 SW	26/36 W	29/40 W	30/43 W	29/41 W	30/42 W
300	16/33 SW	13/28 SW	17/34 W	19/38 W	20/40 W	19/38 W	19/38 W
Valley	13/31 SW	11/26 SW	16/33 W	17/37 W	18/39 W	17/37 W	17/36 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	3/-4	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	3/-4	3/-4	3/-4
300	5/0	5/1	6/1	6/1	5/0	5/0	5/0
Valley	6/2	6/2	7/3	6/2	6/1	6/1	6/1
Freezing Level*	1000m	1000m	1000m	1100m	1000m	1000m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Freezing level above the summits, with showers turning to sleet just below, like Pen-Y-Fan, feeling bitterly cold in strong winds and showers. Widespread summit gales.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
03:00 on Sun 31 Dec 2023	19.4mm	28.6mm	47.8mm

Forecast for Monday 01 Jan 2024

Weather: Showers during the morning but some bright spells developing, showers turning wintery on higher tops like Pen-Y-Fan and Corn Du. Mostly dry through the afternoon with some winter sunshine breaking through, cloudier by late afternoon and evening.

Maximum wind: West or Southwesterly 30mph gusts 40mph backing southeast 15mph later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m: 70%, low cloud will gather around the summits in showers in the morning, improving to 90% in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Patchy cloud becoming scattered and lowering to 500m in morning showers with visibility turning moderate for a time. During the afternoon only patchy cloud above 600m and visibility mostly good or very good.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 3 rising to 7 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 700m rising above all summits.

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